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- 1. The Chinese Communists have developed the islands of Manshanwei (南 点尾), Wanshan and Tankan (114-06, 22-02) into strong front-line defenses in order to control constal communication at Lingtingyang (113-44, 22-24) and Chiuchouyang (113-36, 22-34).
- 2. There are gun positions with one or two artillery companies and from two to four artillery pieces at every possible landing harbor in Ruiyang (114-26, 23-05) and Paoan (113-56, 22-32). The coastal garrison headquarters is at Action (114-32, 27-43).
- 3. There is a customs establishment at Mahuan (以) on Sammen Island (113-58, 22-03). The harbor is a good whoon shelter and warship anchorage. There are 500 inhabitants on Sammen and Peik'ou who cultivate 100 arable acres and have sufficient fresh water. An artillery company of the 4 Field Arry with three artillery pieces maintains close liaison with Chingk'ou (113-22, 22-26), Nienshan (於 山), Hsiayung (河 山), Aotiou, Tungchung (東 中) and Nsichung (東 中) to prevent landings.
- 4. The Tankan Islands are 10 miles long and have a population of 400 at Toumen (AT). These islands are covered with forests and have enough fresh water, but provide no shelter from typhoons. One company of a 4 Field Army artillery unit is stationed on the islands with two long-range artillery pieces controlling the international sea routes.
- 5. Manshanwei Island has 400 inhabitents, plenty of hilly, arable land end sufficient fresh water. There is no typhoon shelter, however. The Manshan Patrol and Defense Command has one artillery battalion, 10 artillery pieces and from 20 to 30 small marships. This unit and those from the Inner and Outer Lingting Islands, dungao and Chiao comprise the garrison of the Pearl River Tstuary.
- 6. Cuter Lingting has a population of 70, a small typhoon shelter, 60 artillerymen, 2 artillery pieces and an insufficient supply of fresh water. It serves as a screen for Manshanwei.

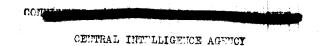
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- 7. Inner Lingting has a normalation of 400 and sufficient fresh water, but there is no typhoon shelter. One artillery company of the 4 Field Army with four artillery pieces is stationed on the island. Both Inner Lingting and Chiao are important points for control of the Pearl River Island. Chiao Island has 100 inhabitants and 80 artillerymen with two artillery pieces.
- 8. Tungao Island has a normalation of 100 and a harbor sheltered from typhoons which provides good anchorage for varships. The Communists had a marine training base here at one time. It is a good site for naval training and was a naval anchorage during the Japanese occupation.
- 9. Tawanshan Island, which screens Tungao Island, has a nonulation of 600 and one artillery company with four artillery pieces.
- 10. The Greater and Lesser Hengch'in (本文) Islands, close to Chungshon on the mainland, have 300 inhabitants. These islands are the headquarters of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, which has one artillery company with 2 artillery pieces stationed on the islands.
- 11. Santeso Island, with 700 inhabitants, has one artillery battalion with 10 artillery pieces and one battalion of the Kvangtung-Kwangsi Column. There is a large airfield here, but there are no good harbors because of reefs and there is no typhoon shelter.
- 12. Faolan Island (113-14, 21-56), with a nomulation of 600, has three harbors which provide anchorage for warships. A marine training base and a naval base protected by heavy artillary units are also on Santsao. Soviet advisers are planning to build up the island in order to must the entrance to Yainenk'ou (113-04, 22-14) which leads to Hsinhui (113-05, 22-34) and Kongmoon.
- 13. Troops stationed on all the constal islands total one regiment and two companies of artillery of the 4 Field Arry and one artillery regiment of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column. There is also a marine commando corps of one regiment and one infantry battalion. There are 40 small gunboats and motorboats. Island defense works, except those on Tungao and Cantsao, have steel beam and concrete construction.

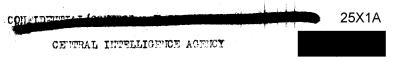
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- The following units of the Ewangtung-Ewangsi Column are stationed in the Pearl River Delta area:
- a. The 1 Tegiment, commanded by HUANG Chiang-pring (美瓦平), is in the border area between Chungshan (113-22, 22-32) and Shunte (113-16, 22-50).
- b. The 2 Regiment, commanded by HUANG Pu-te (黄布德), serrisons Yinhang (銀龍), Chihjenshih (伏人及), Panchai, Ps'ui-wei (113-30, 22-16) and Ch'ienshan (113-32, 22-14).
- c. The 3 Regiment, commanded by TS'AO Ping-ven (畫 炳 元) is stationed at T'angchiavan (唐 家 湾), Hengmen (巌 河) and Chinchu Island (113-52, 22-06).
- d. The 5 Regiment, commanded by LIU Piei (別声), is garrisoning Townen, Great and Little Lin (章) and Santsac.



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- e. A special battalion is garrisoning Great and Little Wanshan Islands, Outer Mingting and Wanshamwei.
- f. A special battalion and a rachine gun battalion are stationed at Sherwan (113-22, 22-22), Changchi (徒)) and Chiangchou (113-35, 23-34).

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- 15. The Pearl River Defense Command has sent a gunboat to supplement defenses in the Manshan area.
- 16. An artillery bettalion of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column mans the following island fortifications, on which construction was begun in August 1°50 under the supervision of 'ao-yu-fu-lan, a Soviet engineer:
 - a. Two long-range guns on a small hill opposite Manshanwei.
 - b. Two long-range guns on a hillside on Santsao Island.
 - c. An underground hangar at fantsee which has a capacity of 30 planes.
 - d. Two long-range guns on each of the following islands: Great Wanshan, Wanshanwei, Outer Lingting and Chihchu.
 - e. Four long-range field guns on Tungao Island with reinforced concrete emplacements.
- 17. On 15 April 600 fully-equipped infantrymen of the 4 Field Army arrived at Tsangrut'ou from Canton. They immediately boarded trucks and proceeded to Tanshui (114-28, 22-47) via Chenchiang.
- 18. From 15 to 17 April 20 boats arrived at Muiyang from Canton loaded with 3,000 men and supplies, 70 artillery pieces and 100 animals. They were from the 47 Arm, 4 Field Army, and were commonled by LT Shih (身 節). Upon arriving at Huiyang, they bearded (unks which were towed by motor boat to Tanshui and Aot'ou by way of the West River. Some proceeded by nighway to the coastal area near Nienshan.
- 19. Three hundred sen of an artillery unit took the highway bus from Canton via Polo to Hulyang on 17 April. On 18 April, ten Japanese spent the night in Chungshan Park, Hulyang, and left for Plingshan the next day.
- 20. In mid-April Tationalist planes often reconnoitered the Canton-Shench'uan Railroad. Anti-mircraft gun positions, gillboxes and air-raid sirens have been placed near the Shihlung railroad bridge by the 132 Division, 45 Army, 4 Field Army. Foats are not permitted to run alongside this bridge after 9:00 p.m. Violators are subject to seigure.

